

# Mid-America Collaborative for Alternative Fuels Implementation



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# **Project Overview**

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#### **Timeline**

- Start: Feb 1, 2013
- End: Mar 31, 2015
- 40% Complete

# **Budget**

- Total project funding
  - DOE: \$815,000
  - Collaborative: \$0.00
- Spent FY13: \$128,148
- Budget FY14: \$621,852
- 25% Spent (as of 4/15/14)

#### **VT Barriers Addressed**

- Availability of alternative fuels and EV charging infrastructure.
- Consumer reluctance to purchase new technologies.
- Lack of technical experience with new fuels and vehicle technologies.

#### **Partners**

- Iowa Clean Cities Coalition
- St. Louis Regional Clean Cities
- Nebraska Clean Cities Coalition

#### Relevance

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**Objective:** To identify and remedy obstacles to alternative fuel vehicle adoption in regional and statewide markets.

# **Project Period 1**

- Analyze commercial consumers' perceived barriers to deploying alternative fuel technologies.
- Train technicians and technical instructors to work with new fuels and vehicle technologies.
- Using EPA-approved tools, quantify air quality improvements gained with alternative fuel use to inform regional and state implementation plans.

# VT Barriers Addressed

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# Approach to Deployment

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Conduct Trainings and Technical Assistance

Conduct Marketing, Education and Outreach

### Milestones

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Policy Initiatives	
Mar 14	Air Quality Methodology Tool design (Completed)
May 14	Air Quality Methodology completed in Pilot area (Ongoing)
Jun 14	Procurement policy models developed (Ongoing)
Barrier Reduction Initiatives	
Dec 13	Conduct Barriers and Training Needs Assessment (Completed)
	Conduct Alternative Fuel / Fleet Market Baseline Assessment
Mar 14	(Ongoing)
	Develop Green Fleets Technical Assistance and Certification
May 14	Program (DelayedOngoing)
Jan 15	Peer-to-peer webinars and workshops (Ongoing)
Safety and Training Initiatives	
Jul 14	Technician instructor training (Ongoing)
Oct 14	First Responder Training (Ongoing)
Marketplace Development and Outreach Initiatives	
Jun 14	Conduct Interstate Corridors Planning (Delayed)
ti Dec 15	NE alternative-fuels workshops (Ongoing)

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#### **Assess Need**

- Surveys
  - Tech Programs
  - Stakeholders
  - PACE
  - Fleets
- Advisory Groups
- Meetings

#### **VT Barriers Addressed**

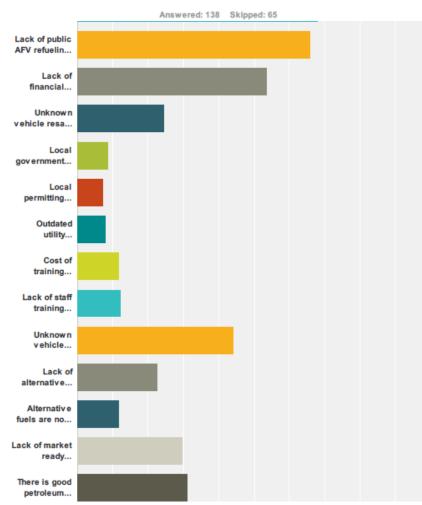
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Understanding the opinions, attitudes and needs of stakeholders makes best use of limited resources.

# Assess: Stakeholder Opinion Survey

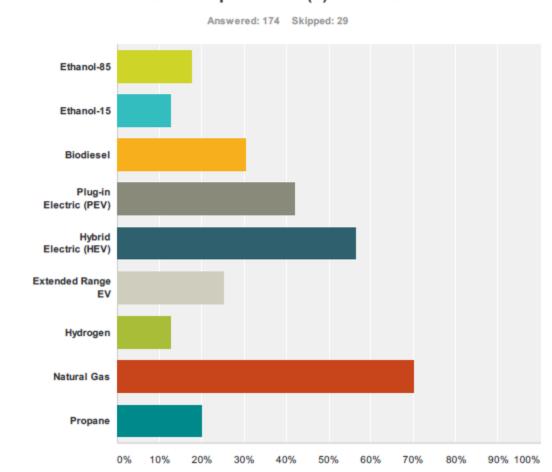


Q25 In your opinion, what items below best describe the barriers limiting the adoption of alternate fuels and vehicles? Select all that apply.



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Q8 Which fuel technologies do you consider the MOST likely to increase market share in the next five (5) years? Select up to three (3) choices:



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# **Training**



- Technician Instructor Training
- First Responder Training
- Alternative Fuel Codes Summit

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# **Develop Tools**

- AQ Modeling Tool
- Mid-America Green Fleets Technical Assistance Program

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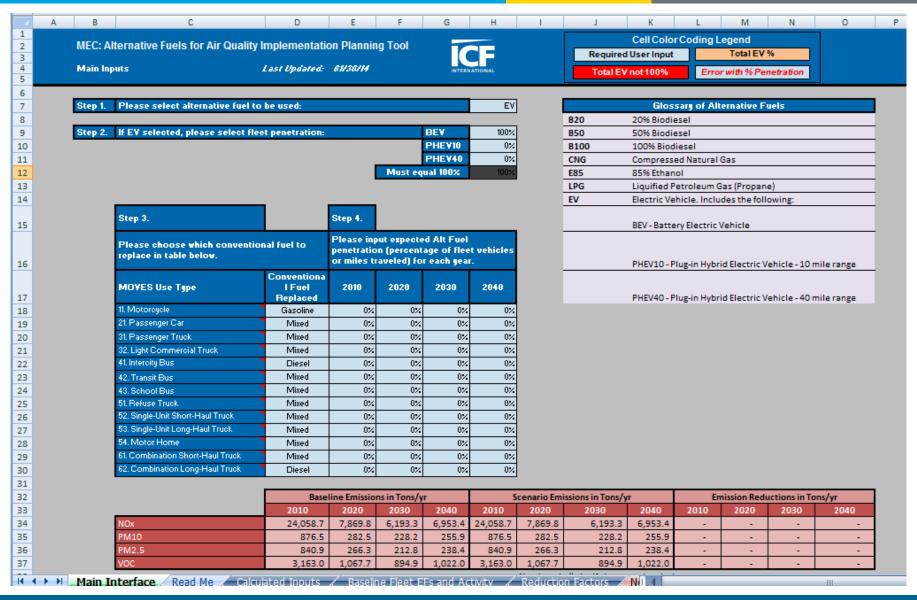


Tools and technical assistance help decision-makers understand benefits of alternative fuels and increase adoption and deployments.

Engaging cognizant agencies (local and state) in project design and implementation increases the likelihood they will adopt policies favorable to alternative fuels.

### **Develop Tools: AQ Modeling Tool**





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# **Outreach & Marketing**

- Webinars
- Stakeholder Meetings & Workshops in NE
- Alternative Fuel Codes Summit



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Outreach is critical to increasing availability and adoption of alternative fuels.

#### **Collaborations and Coordination**

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#### **Sub-recipients & Partners**

- St. Louis Regional Clean Cities
- Nebraska Clean Cities Coalition
- Iowa Clean Cities Coalition

#### Vendors

- ASG Renaissance
- Clean Energy Coalition
- ICF International
- Iowa Biodiesel Board
- Mid-America Regional Council

#### **Outreach and Other**

- Kansas City Regional Clean Cities Coalition
- Central Kansas Clean Cities Coalition
- State Fire Marshal Offices
- State Air Divisions
- Municipal and Metropolitan Agencies
- Community Colleges & Universities
- Industry and Stakeholder Associations

# Alternative Fuel Market Expansion Potential

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#### **Remaining Project Activities**

- Complete Tools
  - Publish Survey Analyses
  - Publish AQ Tool & Study
  - Mid-America Green Fleets
  - Travel Corridor study
- Outreach & Implementation
  - Technical Trainings
  - Fleet Consultations
  - Stakeholder Webinars
  - Stakeholder Conferences
  - Presentations to local jurisdictions

# Related Efforts (outside scope)

- Retailer Education
- Continue presentations to local jurisdictions in 4state region
- Engage media in Green Fleet results
- Share successes with other Clean Cities Coalitions (encourage replication)

# **Project Summary**

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#### Relevance

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#### Approach

- Assess Need: Survey Audiences
- Develop Barrier Reduction Tools
- Conduct Trainings and Technical Assistance
- Conduct Marketing, Education and Outreach

#### **Collaborations**

Continue collaborating with Clean Cities coalitions in IA, KS, MO, NE to engage local and state agencies in tool design and implementation

## **Accomplishments**

- Assessed opinions and needs
- Developed MOVES-compatible AQ emissions tool
- Conducted trainings and workshops
- Planned Alternative Fuels Codes Summit

http://www.metroenergy.org/index.php/clean-transportation/programs/



# **Technical Back-Up Slides**

# Mid-America Collaborative for Alternative Fuels Implementation Summary of Activities (1 of 2)



### Policy Initiatives

- Air Quality Methodology Tool and Pilot Study
  - St. Louis metro is pilot study area
- Alternative Fuel Codes Conference
  - July 24-25, 2014
  - Kauffman Conference Center, KCMO
- Develop procurement policy models
- Assess state regulations for alternative fuel signage on state roads and interstates

- Market Development and Outreach Initiatives
  - Interstate Corridors Study
  - Stakeholder Best Practices Peer Exchange
    - Webinars
  - Conduct alternative fuel workshops in Nebraska
- 4-State Effort
  - Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa



# Mid-America Collaborative for Alternative Fuels Implementation Summary of Activities (2 of 2)



#### Safety and Training Initiatives

- Increase Access to Alternative Fuels Technical Training
  - CNG vehicles, CNG fuel systems, propane autogas and biodiesel
  - Held a biodiesel train-the-trainer in Iowa on November 14
- Alternative Fuel Safety Trainings for First Responders and First Responder Training Schools
  - Held a training for Iowa State Fire School in February.
  - Working with Missouri Fire Marshal's office to determine best use of resources, assign CEUs to Codes Conference

#### Barrier Reduction Initiatives

- Stakeholder Barriers Survey
  - Analysis report to be published
- Alternative Fuels in Fleets Survey
  - Statistically significant survey being conducted by research firm
  - Participation = eligible for free consult
- Four-State Fuel Retailer Assistance
  - 2014 PACE Show participation
  - Communicate results of Corridor Study
- Reciprocal Green Fleets Program
  - Technical assistance
  - Certification